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SUBJ: REFERENDUM MAR 12-13

1. SUMMARY: SWISS VOTERS HAVE REJECTED THE THREE INITIATIVES ON FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FOREIGN RESIDENTS IN SWITZERLAND; ON A QUOTA FOR SWISS NATURALIZATION, AND ON THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL TREATIES INCLUDING THOSE IN FORCE BY SUBMITTED TO POPULAR REFERENDUM - BY MAJORITYS OF 3 OR 2 TO 1. 65 PERCENT OF THOSE VOTING VOTED FOR ADOPTION OF THE COUNTERPROPOSAL ON TREATIES PROPOSED BY THE GOVT (PARA 5, REFTEL. END SUMMARY.

2. IN 1970, 46 PERCENT OF THOSE VOTING VOTED FOR SCHWARZEN-BACH'S FIRST INITIATIVE WHICH WOULD HAVE IMPOSED STRICT LIMITATIONS ON THE NUMBER OF FOREIGNERS PERMITTED TO LIVE IN SWITZERLAND. HE HAS TRIED TWICE SINCE, IN 1974, AND AGAIN THIS YEAR. IN 1974, 34 PERCENT OF THOSE VOTING SUPPORTED HIM; IN 1977, 29 PERCENT. 45 PERCENT OF THOSE ELIGIBLE VOTED ON THIS INITIATIVE; A MUCH LARGER PERCENTAGE PARTICIPATED

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IN THE EARLIER VOTING (ABOUT 70 PERCENT).

3. THE INITIATIVE ON NATURALIZATION WAS DEFEATED BY A MARGIN OF 2 TO 1; 66 PERCENT VOTED NO, 34 PERCENT YES.

4. THE INITIATIVE ON TREATIES WAS DEFEATED BY 3 TO 1; 77 PERCENT VOTED NO, 23 PERCENT YES. THE COUNTERPROPOSAL,

DESCRIBED REFTEL, WON BY 65 PERCENT TO 34 PERCENT.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: THE SWISS HAVE ONCE AGAIN REJECTED SCHWARZENBACH'S AND OEHLEN'S APPEALS TO CHAUVINISM. IRONICALLY, TASS WAS AMONG THE FIRST TO CONGRATULATE THE SWISS, STATING THAT "THIS IS THE THIRD UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT BY RIGHTIST FORCES TO DRIVE THE WORKING CLASS INTO A CORNER THROUGH THE USE OF NATIONAL DISCRIMINATION". DAVIS

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